

Amendments to the Claims

1. (Currently Amended) A device for assisting a user in getting into and out of sitting and prone positions on a bed, the device comprising;

a planar base member configured ~~designed~~ to fit between the mattress and box spring of the bed;

a receiving portion having a coupling device ~~an outward-facing spring button~~;

an adjustable handle, including a plurality of apertures arrayed in serial fashion that are configured ~~designed~~ to correspond to the coupling device ~~spring button~~, such that a vertical disposition of the adjustable handle is the height at which the handle ~~made~~ adjustable by selectively inserting the receiving portion into the adjustable handle so that the coupling device ~~spring button~~ fits into one of the apertures; and

a connector designed to connect the receiving portion to the base member, comprising a C-shaped bracket, which bracket encompasses ~~includes a C-shaped portion for encompassing~~ the outer edge of the planar base member.

2. (Currently Amended) The device according to ~~for assisting a user in getting into and out of sitting and prone positions on a bed, as in claim 1~~, wherein the C-shaped bracket includes apertures for receiving bolts, which also pass through corresponding apertures in the base member ~~in order to secure the cylindrical portion of the bracket~~.

3. (Currently Amended) An assistance device for assisting a user in getting into and out of various body positions on a piece of furniture comprising:

a base having a horizontal and vertical dimension configured ~~designed~~ to fit under a cushion-type portion of the furniture;

at least one leg having a first end rotatably attached ~~to the base to extend vertical from the horizontal dimension of the base,~~ and configured ~~designed~~ to rotate along a plane that is substantially perpendicular to the horizontal dimension of the base;

a handle rotatably coupled to a second end of the at least one leg; and

a locking device functionally coupled to the at least one leg, and configured ~~designed~~ to maintain the at least one leg in a fixed vertical position ~~and to allow rotation of the at least one leg.~~

4. (Original) The assistance device of claim 3, wherein the locking device is located on the handle and engages the leg to maintain the leg in at least a vertical position.

5. (Original) The assistance device of claim 4, wherein the handle maintains a horizontal orientation to the base while being pivoted.

6. (Currently Amended) An assistance device for assisting a user in getting into and out of various body positions on a piece of furniture comprising:

a U-shaped base having[:] a horizontal and vertical dimension configured
~~designed~~ to fit under a cushion-type portion of the furniture, the U-shaped base having
~~and~~ a first and second end facing a same direction;

an first and second attachment bracket coupled to the first and second end of the
base respectively;

a U-shaped handle having a first and second handle end respectively coupled to
the first and second brackets to enable the handle to maintain a vertical position with
respect to the base while ~~when the first and second brackets are~~ in a locked position, and
to be maintain a folded position with the handle being parallel to the base while ~~when the~~
~~first and second brackets are~~ in an unlocked position, wherein, in the folded position,
adjacent legs of the U-shaped base and the U-shaped handle are in planes substantially
perpendicular to the planes of the U-shaped base and U-shaped handle.

7. (Original) The assistance device of claim 6, wherein the base is formed of a tubular
member.

8. (Currently Amended) The assistance device of claim 6, wherein the first and second
brackets each comprise an axle ~~axel that is permanently~~ coupled to the bracket and
respective first and second ends of the handle to allow the handle to rotate about the
handle.

9. (Currently Amended) The assistance device of claim 8, wherein the first and second brackets each comprise a dislocatable portion configured ~~designed~~ to retain the handle in the vertical position when coupled to both the handle and first and second brackets, but allows for the folded position of the handle when the dislocatable portion is dislocated from connecting to both the first and second bracket and the handle.

10. (New) The assistance device of claim 6, further comprising a stabilizing cross member attached near the first end and second end of the U-shaped base.

11. (New) The assistance device of claim 6, wherein the U-shaped base and the U-shaped handle are configured to be substantially co-linear when in the folded position.